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WESTERN & SOUTHERN OPEN TALKING POINTS

- The singles final at **Western & Southern Open** features World No. 7 and No. 4 seed **Stefanos Tsitsipas**, who earned a tour-leading 46th win of the season on Saturday facing Croatian **Borna Coric**, who entered the tournament with a protected ranking and ranked No. 152.
- Borna Coric**, No. 152, is the lowest-ranked Cincinnati finalist since the start of the Pepperstone ATP Rankings on 23 August 1973 and 2nd-lowest-ranked ATP Masters 1000 finalist since the start of the series in 1990 (No. 191 Andrei Pavel at 2003 Paris). He aims to become the lowest-ranked ATP Masters 1000 champion (currently No. 143 Roberto Carretero at 1996 Hamburg). Lowest-ranked champion at ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati currently is No. 17 Carlos Moya at 2002 Cincinnati.
- Stefanos Tsitsipas** is looking for his 10th ATP Tour title and 3rd ATP Masters 1000 title (2021-22 Monte Carlo). He seeks first title on outdoor hard courts, winning 2018 Stockholm, 2019-20 Marseille and 2019 Nitto ATP Finals on indoor hard courts (0-5 in outdoor hard-court tour-level finals).
- Tsitsipas** is looking to become the first player in 2022 to win tour-level titles on all 3 surfaces after winning ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo on clay and Mallorca on grass. He is the only player beside Bautista Agut to make finals on all 3 surfaces in 2022. He has a tour-leading 46 wins and 19 ATP Masters 1000 wins in 2022.

	MATCH WINS	W-L	Titles
1)	Stefanos Tsitsipas	46-15	2
2)	Carlos Alcaraz	44-8	4
3)	Cameron Norrie	41-19	2
4)	Jannik Sinner	38-11	1
	Casper Ruud	38-15	3

- Coric** is aiming to be the 4th Croatian ATP Masters 1000 champion after Goran Ivanisevic (1992 Stockholm, 1993 Paris), Ivan Ljubicic (2010 Indian Wells) and Marin Cilic (2016 Cincinnati). He is playing in his 2nd ATP Masters 1000 final after 2018 Shanghai (l. to Djokovic).
- Tsitsipas** jumped back into Top-5 sitting on No. 5 on [Pepperstone ATP Live Rankings](#) and would return to No. 4 with the title. **Coric** has already rose 104 spots to No. 48 on [Pepperstone ATP Live Rankings](#) and would go as high as No. 29 with the title on Sunday.
- First-time ATP Masters 1000 Champions** – There have been six first-time ATP Masters 1000 champions in the last 14 tournaments in 2021-22. Could **Coric** join the list as the first-time winner?

2022	Montreal	Pablo Carreno-Busta	2021	Indian Wells	Cameron Norrie
2022	Miami	Carlos Alcaraz	2021	Monte Carlo	Stefanos Tsitsipas
2022	Indian Wells	Taylor Fritz	2021	Miami	Hubert Hurkacz

NOTE: The last first-time ATP Masters 1000 champion in Cincinnati was Daniil Medvedev in 2019.

ATP M1000 RECORDS	CAREER M1000 RECORD	2022 M1000 RECORD	M1000 CHAMPION	M1000 FINALIST
(4) Stefanos Tsitsipas	67-34	19-5	2	3
(PR) Borna Coric	56-48	6-6	-	1

ATP HEAD2HEAD: SUNDAY SINGLES AND DOUBLES FINALS

CENTER COURT

[4] Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE) vs [PR] Borna Coric (CRO)

18 ATP Masters 1000 Rome (Italy)
20 US Open (U.S.A.)

Clay R64 Stefanos Tsitsipas
Hard R32 Borna Coric

Series Tied 1-1

4-1 RET
6-7(2) 6-4 4-6 7-5 7-6(4)

Stefanos Tsitsipas | Age: 24 | World No. 7 | Career-High No. 3 | 2022: 46-15 (Monte Carlo, Mallorca Titles) | Event: 10-4 (2022 Final)
> Top-ranked Greek of all time achieved career-high No. 5 in August 2019, No. 4 in June 2021 and No. 3 in August 2021.

> Five-time Grand Slam semi-finalist became 1st Greek Grand Slam finalist at 2021 Roland Garros, as well as youngest Grand Slam finalist at age 22 since Murray, 22, at 2010 Australian Open.

> Captured 2018 Intesa Sanpaolo Next Gen ATP Finals title at age 20 and 2019 Nitto ATP Finals title at age 21, becoming youngest champion of the latter since Hewitt, 20, in 2001.

> Won 8 ATP Tour titles including 2021 and 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo, but still seeking 1st ATP 500 title (0-8 in finals).

> Youngest of 29 players to defeat Nadal (2019 Madrid SF), Federer (2019 Australian Open 4R) and Djokovic (2018 Toronto 3R), sweeping Big 3 before turning 21.

NOTE: Tsitsipas seeks 10th ATP Tour title (9-12 in finals), first on outdoor hard court. He is hoping to become the 7th active player with 3+ ATP Masters 1000 titles (Djokovic 38, Nadal 36, Federer 28, Murray 14, Zverev 5, Medvedev 4).

Borna Coric | Age: 25 | World No. 152 | Career-High No. 12 | 2022: 9-8 (Cincinnati Final) | Event: 11-6 (2022 Final)

> Ended 2018 at career-high No. 12 after finishing 2015 as youngest player in Top 50 and 2014 as youngest player in Top 100.

> Defeated Federer to win 2018 Halle title, ending Swiss' last run as World No. 1 and becoming youngest champion in tournament history at age 21 (since 1993).

> Owns 9 wins vs. Top 5, including 2nd upset of Federer to reach 2018 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai final.

> Saved 5 MPs vs. Kohlschreiber for 1st ATP Tour title at 2017 Marrakech and 6 MPs vs. Tsitsipas en route to 1st Grand Slam QF at 2020 US Open.

> Helped Croatia capture 2018 Davis Cup, but missed final 8 months of 2021 season – including Davis Cup Finals – due to right shoulder injury.

NOTE: Coric would jump up to No. 29 on [Pepperstone ATP Live Rankings](#) with the title and return to Top 30 for the first time since May 2021 (was as low as No. 278 in May this year). He seeks 3rd ATP Tour title (2-5 in finals), winning 2017 Marrakech on clay and 2018 Halle on grass.

2022 Cincinnati Statistics	Stefanos Tsitsipas	Borna Coric
Aces	31	50
1st-Serve Percentage	64% (192 of 298)	55% (184 of 334)
1st-Serve Points Won	80% (154 of 192)	83% (153 of 184)
2nd-Serve Points Won	55% (58 of 106)	60% (90 of 150)
Service Games Won	88% (45 of 51)	95% (52 of 55)
Break Points Saved	45% (5 of 11)	77% (10 of 13)
1st-Serve Return Points Won	31% (60 of 196)	29% (56 of 194)
2nd-Serve Return Points Won	49.25% (66 of 134)	49.29% (69 of 140)
Return Games Won	22% (11 of 49)	23% (12 of 53)
Break Points Converted	42% (11 of 26)	43% (12 of 28)

NOTE: Coric leads Tsitsipas in 8 out of 10 categories.

[1] Rajeev Ram (USA) / Joe Salisbury (GBR) vs [6] Tim Puetz (GER) / Michael Venus (NZL)

21 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells (U.S.A.)	Hard	R16	Puetz/Venus	4-6 6-4 [10-6]
21 ATP Masters 1000 Paris (France)	Hard	R16	Puetz/Venus	7-6(12) 7-6(6)
18 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo (Monaco)	Clay	QF	Ram/Salisbury	6-4 6-3

Puetz/Venus Lead 2-1

Ram / Salisbury Notes

- > Ram and Salisbury are 23-12 this season and 127-62 together in 4th year as a team. They are 6-8 in finals as a duo, highlighted by Grand Slam titles at 2020 Australian Open (d. Purcell/Saville) and 2021 US Open (d. J. Murray/Soares).
- > Ram & Salisbury are 2-1 in ATP Masters 1000 finals with a Monte Carlo title in 2022 and a runner-up in Rome and title in Toronto last year.
- > They are playing in their 2nd final of the year (1-0) and they beat Puetz/Venus en route to only title this year at ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo QF.
- > Team is No. 4 on Pepperstone ATP Live Doubles Teams Rankings, Ram is No. 2 (career-high) and Salisbury is No. 1 (career-high).
- > Ram, 38, is 23-20 in career ATP Tour-level doubles finals (4-2 in ATP Masters 1000s). Won 2 ATP Masters 1000 title w/Salisbury (2021 Toronto, 2022 Monte Carlo), 1 w/Granollers (2018 Paris) and 1 w/Klaasen (2017 Indian Wells).
- > Salisbury, 30, is 9-8 in doubles finals (2-1 in ATP Masters 1000s), winning both ATP Masters 1000 titles w/Ram.
- > Salisbury became the 56th player to hold the No. 1 ATP Doubles Ranking (since 1976) on 4 April 2022 and he is the second British player to accomplish the feat. Jamie Murray held No. 1 for nine weeks in 2016.
- > The last American to win ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati were Bob and Mike Bryan in 2014 and last British player was Jamie Murray in 2018 (w/Soares).

Puetz / Venus Notes

- > German and Kiwi are 39-19 overall, 24-11 in 2022 and 3-3 in finals, including 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Paris title.
- > Puetz/Venus are 1-0 in ATP Masters 1000 finals as a team.
- > Team is No. 7 on Pepperstone ATP Live Doubles Teams Rankings, Puetz is No. 12 (career-high No. 9 in March) and Venus is No. 11 (career-high No. 8 in 2019).
- > Beat No. 2 seeds Granollers/Zeballos in QF, before receiving a walkover from Rune/Tsitsipas in SF.
- > Puetz, 34, is 7-4 in doubles finals (1-0 in ATP Masters 1000s) and is 1-4 in finals in 2022 (was 6-0 in finals until 2022).
- > Venus, 34, is 17-18 in doubles finals (1-2 in ATP Masters 1000s), reaching the finals of 2018 ATP Masters Toronto and 2019 ATP Masters Rome w/Klaasen.
- > They are trying to become the first German and Kiwi to win a title at Cincinnati in Open Era. Puetz is the second German to appear in Cincinnati doubles final (2001 Prinosil w/Damm, l. to Bhupathi/Paes).